

ESPER DAY IN ANASCOSTIA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

MISSION

The **Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections (ESPER)** is dedicated to promoting the collection of stamps and philatelic material depicting people and events related to the African diaspora and to encouraging and supporting the interest and participation of people of African descent in all aspects of philately.

GOAL

To reach out to young adults and children to encourage a new generation of collectors.

OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness of stamp collecting as a hobby
- To highlight African Americans or related events celebrated on stamps particularly in Washington, D.C.
- To demonstrate project based activities that can energize the learning

ACTIVITIES

- Reading books to participants about selected stamp subject
Outcome: Youngest participants will "dress up" as the story character
Ex: Bessie Coleman, Charles Drew, Dorothy Height
- Touring exhibits of philatelic materials
Outcome: Older participants (and adults) will be challenged to find answers to philatelic trivia located within an extensive stamp memorabilia display.
Ex: What is a cover? Who was Anna Julia Cooper? Who was the first African American honored on a stamp?
- Discussing philately and how to get started as a stamp collector
Outcome: Step by step discussion to include tools and materials needed
Ex: glassine envelopes, tongs, magnifying glass
- Using philately to inspire art
Outcome: Participants will design and create a quilt.
Ex: Inspired by the Quilts of Gees Bend stamp
- Viewing stamp art on display to stimulate discussions of social consciousness
Ex: The Greensboro lunch counter sit-in stamp

GIVEAWAYS

- All participants will receive a bag of stamps (courtesy of US Postal Museum)
- Selected participants will receive philatelic materials throughout the morning i.e. door prizes, trivia winners

FACILITATORS

Members of **ESPER** from around the country